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**From:** Cirian, Mike [Cirian.Mike@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 8/15/2017 5:19:04 PM  
**To:** Flatow, Jeni [JFlatow@mt.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Rick Hanners re aluminum plant history

Thanks Jeni.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 15, 2017, at 7:10 AM, Flatow, Jeni <[JFlatow@mt.gov](mailto:JFlatow@mt.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** Richard Hanners [<mailto:rickhanners7@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 9:02 AM  
**To:** Flatow, Jeni  
**Subject:** Rick Hanners re aluminum plant history

I started work on a history project about the aluminum plant in Columbia Falls, Montana, in 1998. I was working at the plant at the time as an electrician. I have a degree in history and worked as an historian on the Butte-Anaconda Superfund case in the early 1990s. I also have a journalism degree and was the editor of the Whitefish Pilot and the Hungry Horse News before moving to Eastern Montana.

My history project was too large to be published in print form, so I put it online. It runs from antiquity to the present. The 170,000 ton-per-year smelter in Columbia Falls was built by the Anaconda Company in the early 1950s, was bought by the Atlantic Richfield Company in the 1970s, was bought by Brack Duker and Jerome Broussard in 1985, and was bought by Glencore in 1999. It closed permanently in 2015 and was placed on the Superfund's National Priority List in 2016.

My aluminum plant history project went live this morning, with a complete website at <http://montana-aluminum.com> and a Facebook page called "From Superstar to Superfund." I continue to edit the chapters on the website and add new content, and I will post my numerous photos little by little on the Facebook page. I will also take comments via email or Facebook and publish them online once I review them.

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Richard Hanners